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Jeffery Kitsembel
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610 North Whitney Way
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RE: Elm Road Generating Station, docket no. 05-CE-130

Dear Mr. Kitsembel:

I am writing on behalf of the Oshkosh Commercial Development Corporation (OCDC) and appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement issued by the Public Service Commission and the Department of Natural Resources. OCDC is a private non-profit economic development corporation designed to foster economic growth in the Oshkosh area.

Cost, reliability and impact on the environment should all be key questions when Wisconsin makes long-term decisions related to power generation. Our belief is that the Calpine proposals in Fond du Lac and Kaukauna are sound choices not just for Wisconsin business, but for everyone in Wisconsin. We believe that the DEIS confirms our opinion.

Unquestionably, the Calpine proposal would result in less air pollution. Currently, air pollution from Southeastern Wisconsin makes its way up Lake Michigan to our region of the state. While this is not the only source of pollution in the Fox Valley, it is certainly one of the reasons that several area counties have been proposed for the non-attainment list for ozone. Fortunately, there is a clean and affordable source of electricity that the PSC should include as part of the answer to the energy needs identified in this proceeding.

The draft Environmental Impact Statement makes it clear that the Fond du Lac power plant proposed by Calpine is not only clean but affordable – in fact far less expensive than the Oak Creek proposal when all of the cost impacts are considered. Certainly, as customers served by WE Energies and/or American Transmission Company, we appreciate that.

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Lastly, the Fox Valley is one of the states major economic hubs that requires reliable energy service. Building at least a portion of the proposed capacity additions in the Fox Valley, as opposed to siting nearly 2,000 new megawatts of power at an already transmission-constrained single location, would help to ensure reliability for all Wisconsin customers.

In summary, we believe that the both the Fond du Lac project and Calpine's similar new Fox Energy project in Kaukauna deserve to be in the final mix of projects that the PSC chooses to meet our power needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob P. Kleman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rob P. Kleman

Executive Director

Oshkosh Commercial Development Corporation (OCDC)

CC: Jeff Thorkildsen, President, OCDC